AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fluorinated polymer comprising an <u>a</u> unit represented by the following formula (1).

Formula (1)

- 2. (Currently Amended) The fluorinated polymer according to the claim 1, wherein the fluorinated polymer is a homopolymer.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The fluorinated polymer according to claim 1, wherein the fluorinated polymer is represented by the following formula (2),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CF_2 & C \\
O & O \\
H & C & C \\
H & H & H
\end{array}$$
Formula (2)

wherein: in Formula (2), Y^1 to Y^4 each independently represent represents a hydrogen atom, fluorine atom, or chlorine atom.

- 4. (Currently Amended) A method for producing fluorinated compounds, in which comprising producing a compound represented by the following formula (4) is produced by reaction of by reacting
- 2-chloro-2,2-difluoroethane-1,1-diol and at least one compound represented by the following formula (3)[[:]]

wherein[[:]] in Formula (3), X represents a hydroxy group, a chlorine atom, or <u>a</u> bromine atom.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for producing fluorinated compounds, in which comprising producing a compound represented by the following formula (4) is produced by reaction of, by reacting 2-chloro-2,2-difluoroacetaldhyde and ethyleneoxide ethylene oxide.

Formula (4)

6. (Currently Amended) A method for producing fluorinated polymers, in which comprising producing a polymer represented by the following formula (1) is produced by polymerization polymerizing the fluorinated compound represented by the following formula (4) obtained by the method according to claim 4.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for producing fluorinated polymers, in which comprising producing a polymer represented by the following formula (1) is produced by polymerization polymerizing the fluorinated compound represented by the following formula (4) obtained by the method according to claim 5.

8. (Original) An optical/electrical material or coating material comprising the fluorinated polymer according to claim 1.